11 May 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 11 May 1960

PRESENT: Mr. Douglas, Mr. Dulles, Dr. FitzGerald (ICA),

Mr. Gray, Mr. Hare, Mr. Harr, Mr. McCone,

Mr. Washburn, Mr. Smith

1. 750 Kilowatt Transmitter for Cuba

Mr. Harr alluded to the report made by Mr. Allen at the 27 April luncheon meeting to the effect that Castro is attempting to purchase a 750-kilowatt radio transmitter. He said that considerable interest has been expressed in this report at high levels, and asked the DCI particularly if he could find out anything further.

2. U2 Incident

Most of the rest of the luncheon was taken up by a lengthy discussion of the series of official statements which had been issued during the past several days on the subject of the U2 reconnaissance plane. Several members of the Board examined in detail the possible role that the OCB might have played, with a view toward defining what its proper function might be in similar situations in the future. No definitive conclusions were reached.

3. Tiros Camera

It was reported that the high-resolution camera in Tiros, which had not been functioning since the launching of the satellite, has now begun to operate.

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4. Situation in Vietnam

The Board discussed the current situation in Vietnam. The Chairman asked that the Working Group on Southeast Asia look into the matter and consider any feasible actions that the U.S. Government might take to improve the situation there.

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